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#### Update on the Situation in Libya

**WASHINGTON, DC, April 6** – Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton held a bilateral meeting with Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini at the Department of State on April 6, 2011. Secretary Clinton highlighted Italy's contributions to NATO in Libya and Afghanistan, as well as Italy's humanitarian support to the people of North Africa and the Middle East.

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#### World Health Day 2011: Antimicrobial Resistance

**WASHINGTON, DC, April 7** — World Health Day is celebrated annually on April 7 to commemorate the founding of the World Health Organization by the United Nations. Each year the World Health Organization highlights a key health issue. The focus for the 61<sup>st</sup> annual World Health Day is educating people about the dangers of antimicrobial resistance in microorganisms and active steps that can be taken to combat it.

[Statement by USAID Administrator Shah](#) | [GHI Statement](#) | [CDC Fact Sheet](#)



# International

## New Special Envoy for Sudan

**WASHINGTON, DC, March 31** – Ambassador Princeton Lyman was introduced by Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton as the new Special Envoy for Sudan during remarks at the Department of State. Ambassador Lyman replaces Scott Gration, who has been nominated by the President to be the next Ambassador to Kenya. “The United States is committed to the peace, security, and prosperity of both the North and the South, which is why the President has chosen Ambassador Lyman for this important job,” Secretary Clinton said. “His experience as U.S. Ambassador during South Africa’s transition from apartheid to democracy will prove invaluable during the next few months. His diplomatic skills were on display during the mediation talks between the North and South, and he is well positioned to advise the Sudanese people at this critical juncture.”



[Full Text](#) | [Video](#) | [Remarks from Ambassador Lyman](#) | [Office of the Special Envoy for Sudan](#)

## Inside the Beltway

## 60th Anniversary of Refugee Convention

**WASHINGTON, DC, April 6** – Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton commemorated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1951 Convention Related to the Status of Refugees. “We reaffirm America’s commitment to the protection of refugees around the world. Our mission is unchanging. We intend to save lives and restore human dignity. [Full Text](#) | [Video](#)

## Global Issues Affecting the Nation

## Open Skies Agreement Celebration

**WASHINGTON, DC, March 30** – Secretary Clinton delivered remarks celebrating the negotiations between the United States and 100 Open Skies countries that enable airlines to operate more freely. “Open Skies agreements not only allow us to cross great distances ... but also to open up markets, create jobs, allow people in far-removed countries to interact, share information, and build businesses together,” Secretary Clinton said. The United States has achieved Open Skies agreements with over 100 partners from every region of the world and at every level of economic development. On President Obama’s recent trip to Latin America, the U.S. concluded a new agreement with Brazil, the 101st Open Skies partner.

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